One Finger Snap

A right mouse button for one button mice

Thank you for trying One Finger Snap by Old Jewel Software. One Finger Snap is a Preference Pane that brings up the contextual menu whenever you click and hold the mouse button down. This means that you can do everything with a single-button mouse that you can do with a 2-button mouse in Mac OS X.

System Requirements:

One Finger Snap requires Mac OS X 10.3 or later to run. It also makes use of the "Enable Assistive Devices" feature in the Universal Access preference pane.

Installation:

To install One Finger Snap:

• double-click the OneFingerSnap.prefpane file.

• Your System Preferences application will load right away.

• A sheet may appear asking if you want to install One Finger Snap just for the current user or for all users on your computer. If you aren't sure, just choose "**Install for this user only**" and click the "**Install**" button.

• If you see the default list of preference panes, then look for and click the **1 Finger Snap** icon.

• From now on, simply open System Preferences and click the **1 Finger Snap** icon to access One Finger Snap.

Starting One Finger Snap:

To start One Finger Snap:

- Open the One Finger Snap preference pane.
- Click the button labeled "**Start One Finger Snap**"

Stopping One Finger Snap:

To turn One Finger Snap off:

- Open the One Finger Snap preference pane.
- Click the button labeled "**Stop One Finger Snap**"

Turning on Access for Assistive Devices:

One Finger Snap uses Mac OS X's accessibility routines to know whether the mouse is currently over a screen element that can be right-clicked (like a text field) or one that should not be right-clicked (like a scroll bar).

If you find that One Finger Snap is clicking at times when it shouldn't, then you can turn on Access for Assistive Devices.

• Open System Preferences.
• Click the icon for the Universal Access preference pane. It has a blue icon with a person inside it.
• Check the checkbox labeled "Enable access for assistive devices"

Using One Finger Snap:

You can use One Finger Snap in any application that offers a contextual menu. Instead of right-clicking (or control-clicking), just click and hold the mouse button down until you hear a sound like the sound of a finger snapping (the screen will also flash briefly at the same time). Then release your mouse button and the contextual menu will appear.

If you move your mouse outside of the current window while you're holding down the mouse button, then One Finger Snap realizes that you're performing a drag and it doesn't bring up the contextual menu.

Selecting with One Finger Snap:

One Finger Snap will let you use all the selection methods you're used to.

• Double-click a word, but keep the mouse button down for the second click, and that word will be highlighted and then the contextual menu will appear.

• Triple-click and hold on some text to select an entire paragraph and bring up the contextual menu.

• Click and drag a series of words to select them, then keep the mouse button held down for about twice the time that you would normally hold for One Finger Snap, and the contextual menu will appear for the words you just selected.

• In a Finder window or other list, shift-click or command click and then hold to add to the selection and bring up the contextual menu.

Preventing One Finger Snap from Activating:

If you find that One Finger Snap is sometimes coming up when you don't want it to, perhaps during long drags in older programs like Excel or Filemaker, then you may want a way to temporarily turn off One Finger Snap. To prevent One Finger Snap from activating even during a long drag, hold down the **command and shift keys** at the same time.

After you've finished your drag, if you lift the keys up before the mouse button, the contextual menu will appear. If you lift the mouse button first, though, no contextual menu will appear.

If you have a powerbook, you can do the same thing by simply pressing the **fn** key (the modifier key on the bottom left of your keyboard).

Making One Finger Snap Quicker (or slower)

Some people prefer One Finger Snap to work a little bit faster, while others want a slower response. One Finger Snap comes set to open the contextual menu after you've held down the mouse for 1.5 seconds, but you can change this by dragging the slider. We don't especially recommend anything less than 1 second from experience, but you can make it work as quick as half a second if you would like.

Changing feedback options

You may also choose to turn off either the screen flashing or the feedback sound. Just click the appropriate check box to do either.

A warning about buttons:

One Finger Snap can sometimes be overzealous and activate itself even if you clicked and held over a button, a scroll bar, a menu item, or even the dock.

If you find One Finger Snap is activating at these times, you should turn on Access for Assistive Devices. See the instructions above.

One Finger Snap & the Dock

If you are experiencing an issue where clicking and holding on the dock brings up a contextual menu but then it is immediately dismissed, then One Finger Snap is trying to simulate a right-click even though the Dock is already doing it. Let One Finger Snap know when it's over the Dock by Turning on Access for Assistive Devices. See the instructions above.

Inconsistencies:

One Finger Snap is designed to emulate a control-click (or right click) when the mouse button is held down. Unfortunately, applications respond differently to a long button press followed by a right click. Some will not show the contextual menu until the mouse button is released. Some (like iTunes) will let you keep the mouse button held down and select an item from the contextual menu. Still others (like Microsoft Word) will show the menu, but will not let you select a menu item until you've released the mouse button.

For this reason, we recommend that you leave either the click sound or the screen flash enabled. Get in the habit of lifting the mouse button after you hear the click sound.

Releasing the mouse button when you hear the click sound will guarantee that a contextual menu that's ready to be clicked will appear whenever you click & hold the mouse button. This will make getting used to One Finger Snap much easier.

Disabling One Finger Snap in An Application:

You may choose to have One Finger Snap not work in certain applications for one reason or another. To do this, open the Terminal application and type:

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> defaults write com.oldjewel.onefingersnap "JW.onefingersnap.ignoredApps" -array-add "AppToDisable"
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where `AppToDisable` is the name of an application you wish One Finger Snap to not work with. Though it will be the same for most applications, you should make sure that you are typing the name of the application as it appears in the menu bar when it is running, which may not be the same as the name of the application's file icon on the hard drive. Please make sure to use quotes around the application name.

If your settings don't take effect immediately, turn One Finger Snap off and back on in System Preferences.

One Finger Snap & Bluetooth Mice

One user has reported a bug where One Finger Snap didn't work well with his bluetooth mouse. Specifically, pressing the mouse to wake up his computer caused it to freeze.

If you've turned on "Allow Bluetooth devices to wake this computer" in the Keyboard & Mouse preference pane, and you experience this behavior, then change One Finger Snap's delay from 0.5 to 0.75 seconds or higher. In the case of the user who experienced this problem, this was how he was able to eliminate it.

Uninstalling One Finger Snap:

You can turn off One Finger Snap simply by opening the preference pane and clicking "**Stop One Finger Snap**".

If you then want to uninstall, go to ~/Library/PreferencePanes (where ~ is your home directory) and drag the file OneFingerSnap.prefPane to the trash.

If there was no file called OneFingerSnap.prefPane in your home Library folder, then look in your computer's main Library folder, in a folder called PreferenecPanes. This will be on your boot disk (probably your only hard disk). Only a user with administrator privileges can uninstall One Finger Snap from this folder.

If you are still having trouble after this, then please email support@oldjewelsoftware.com.

Registering One Finger Snap:

One Finger Snap is shareware, and you really should register it if you find it useful. One Finger Snap will regularly put up a window asking you to register. You can purchase a registration code by clicking the button "**Get Registration Code**" in that window, or you can register from the One Finger Snap preference pane.

- Open the One Finger Snap preference pane.
- Click the button labeled "**Register One Finger Snap**"
- You will be taken to Old Jewel Software's registration page.

Once you have purchased a registration code, you should receive a verification email shortly that will give you instructions on finishing the registration process.
One Finger Snap costs $6.85 USD for a single user license.

If you choose not to register One Finger Snap, please note that when the register reminder appears, clicking anywhere on the screen will dismiss it.

Localizing One Finger Snap:

One Finger Snap is currently localized in English, German, Danish, Catalan and French. If you have experience localizing software and would like to create a localized version of One Finger Snap, please email **onefingersnap@oldjewelsoftware.com.** If we use your localization, you will receive credit in the about section of the preference pane for that localization (under the icon) and a free license of One Finger Snap.

Contacting Old Jewel Software:

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any problems with One Finger Snap, or any suggestions, you can always contact us at:

onefingersnap@oldjewelsoftware.com.

or visit our website at:

http://www.oldjewelsoftware.com

Release History:

1.3.3 3/4/2007

• Holding down the command and shift keys together will now prevent One Finger Snap from activating (useful for long drags in some older programs like Excel and FileMaker)
• Holding down the fn key on powerbooks will achieve the same effect.
• Improved the system for upgrading from previous versions.
• One Finger Snap now knows not to simulate a right click in Trampoline (Trampoline does it itself)

1.3.2 7/19/2006

• One Finger Snap will now work with Firefox 2.0b1
• Hopefully finally fixed all issues with case-sensitive file systems

1.3.1 2/25/2006

• Universal Binary
• Fixed a bug that would cause odd behavior when One Finger Snap was stored on a disk with a case-sensitive file system.

1.3 10/30/2005

• The click feedback sound volume is now adjustable.
• Fixed an issue with the contextual menu not always coming up when drag-selecting in Safari & Apple Mail
• Lots of under-the-hood redesign
• Added a Japanese Localization - Thank you 影近　政通 (Masamichi Kagechika)

1.2.2 8/24/2005

• Added French localization. Thanks David.
• Completed Catalan Localization. Thanks Albert.

1.2.1 8/22/2005

• Fixed a bug that would cause a crash in Cisco's VPN client.
• One Finger Snap will now work properly if Access for Assistive Devices is not turned on (though we still recommend turning it on).
• Fixed another bug that would prevent One Finger Snap from bringing up the contextual menu when the desktop background was clicked.

1.2 8/15/2005

• One Finger Snap is now smarter about when it will initiate a right-click. It will no longer try to initiate a right-click over the Dock, over a scroll bar, or over a menu item, for instance.
• If you find that it is still trying to right-click at these times, then you should turn on "Access for Assistive Devices" in the Universal Access preference pane.
• Changed the name that appears in the Preference Pane to "1 Finger Snap", to make it a little shorter so it will fit better in the Preference Pane.
• Made One Finger Snap easier to use with third-party mice that don't use custom drivers.
• Added drag-select then hold - drag-select a block of text, then keep the mouse button held down and a contextual menu will appear with options for the text you just selected.
• Improved One Finger Snap's compatibility with Entourage.

1.1.2 8/2/2005

• Made the registration reminder window appear much less often.

1.1.1 8/1/2005

• Improved compatibility with many applications, including Word, Excel, BBEdit and PowerMail.
• Improved compatibility with the Finder.
• One Finger Snap will no longer fire if you click and hold on the

menu bar.
• One Finger Snap will no longer fire in most cases when you click and hold on the Dock, since the Dock offers its own click & hold functionality.
• Added some safety checks that may help prevent a rare situation where One Finger Snap would confuse the OS and suddenly the mouse would not be recognized at all.
• Added a german localization. Thanks Joern.

1.1 7/30/2005

• Added an option to change the amount of time to hold down the mouse button before the contextual menu appears.
• Added options to turn off the screen flash and the sound that gets played when the menu appears.
• Changed the user interface to be more responsive and to support the changes listed above.
• Firefox and OmniWeb already offer this functionality within their own windows, so One Finger Snap no longer simulates a right mouse click in those applications.

1.0 7/29/2005

• Initial Public Release.